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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT application of: )  
Martin CALDWELL et al. ) Confirmation No. 1503  
Application No. 09/936,841 ) Group Art Unit: 3731  
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For: A SURGICAL ACCESS DEVICE )

**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 C.F.R. §1.27(c)(1))**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby states that applicant is a small entity and that status as a small entity is asserted for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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